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LETTER DATED 4 DECEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of the continuing violations of the cease-fire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between the two countries that were committed by the Iranian side between 5 September 1995 and 23 November 1995, as shown in the annex hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

1. 5 September 1995

At 0930 hours, the Iranian checkpoint situated opposite Faw detained the tugboat Samir while it was towing the Indian steamer "SHRI VISHTU", holding it for nine days, until 14 September 1995. An Iranian steamer by the name Ilam towed the said Indian steamer to the port of Bandar Khomeini. The Iraqi tugboat subsequently returned with its crew.

2. 30 October 1995

At 1535 hours, an Iranian helicopter coming from Basitin violated our international borders, heading towards the Idiyah region and then Hawr al-Hawizah. It proceeded in the direction of the Iraqi forces near the Halfaniyya guard post, then, after continuing its flight for 20 minutes, returned to Iran.

3. 2 November 1995

The Iranian authorities detained 18 Iraqi fishing boats within our territorial waters and extracted written promises from their crews, a total of 99 seamen, not to practise fishing in our territorial waters from the Shatt al-Arab to Mina' al-Bakr, indicating that, should they be caught again, their boats would be confiscated and their crews brought before the Iranian courts, on the grounds that the waters were Iranian waters and that they did not have the right to fish in them.

4. 3 November 1995

The Iranian side seized four Iraqi fishing boats while they were engaged in fishing near Mina' al-Bakr and detained them in the Iranian detention area at Bandar Khomeini, handing their crews over to the court on the charge of entering Iranian territorial waters. They were released on 11 November 1995.

5. 6 November 1995

Armed Iranian boats seized the Iraqi fishing vessel Diyala while it was fishing in Iraqi territorial waters and led it away to Khawr Musa.

6. 15 November 1995

At 1630 hours, the Iranian side built a new guard post on the roof of a building at coordinates 923749 (Khartubiya).

7. 17 November 1995

At 1600 hours, the Iranian side built a 1-metre-high observation post on the roof of a building at coordinates 923749 (Khartubiya).

8. 17 November 1995

At 1150 hours, a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen coming from the interior of Iran. It landed on the Khosrawi complex at coordinates 4305 and seven persons, some of whom were militaries, alit from it. At 1330 hours the helicopter returned with the persons to Iran.

9. 23 November 1995

At 1130 hours, the Iranian side pitched a 180-pound tent at coordinates 5752, at a distance of 2 kilometres from our units, which was frequented by civilians arriving by boat. At 1150 hours, a second tent was pitched in the same area, at a distance of 120 metres to the left of the first one. At 1700 hours four boats approached our units, each carrying three persons from the tents.